



President, Jim Keller called the September meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on September 8, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Marion Township Building. Meeting Minutes which include updates not covered at the meeting were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was given by Jean Bender. Bob Unrast moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Bob Dippold seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS **\$117,531.55**

<i>Asset Allocations</i>		<i>Funding Allocations</i>	
Checking	\$86,094.39	Recreation Fund	\$22,903.96
CD's	\$10,459.43	General Fund - MCDO	\$29,981.05
Pass Book	\$20,977.73	Marion Soccer	\$8,935.16
Total Assets	\$117,531.55	Girls' Softball	\$1,301.18
		ML FFA	\$9,925.85
		Boys Baseball	\$4,386.07
		AS Promo	\$3,817.87
		AG Solutions	\$1,716.30
		Ag Ed Boosters	\$23,268.59
		Ag Ed Scholarship	\$5,000.00
		ML Bowling	\$300.30
		Marion Industrial Park Association	\$5,995.22
		Total Assets	\$117,531.55

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Kirk Stucke

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

August 16: Keith & Sheila Westrick	August 23: Bart & Beth Griesdorn
August 30: Craig & Nancy Heckman	September 6: Jimmy & Carla Kramer

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Ron Hartings

The monthly winners of the Marion Township Park Raffle are as follows:

\$50 – Jeremy Hess	\$30 – Vickie Obringer
\$25 – Ted & Janet Heitkamp	\$25 – Gary & Pat Heitkamp

The Marion Township Park recently held their annual Soup Party on Sunday, August 30th at the Marion Township Park. The following were the winners for the annual drawing:

\$200 – Todd & Carol Gagel	\$100 – Rick & Linda Thobe	\$50 – Jerry Tangeman
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Thanks to all who attended the event and for all the members continuing their support of the Marion Township Park!

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

Thank you to all those who have joined the MCDO for 2015! We greatly appreciate your support! Please contact Bob Dippold (419) 305-0128 or Shannon Everman (419) 925-5707 or email to admin@marioncommunities.com if you have any questions about the status of your membership.

HEALTH, SAFETY, & EDUCATION

Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters

The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive at the Burkettsville Shelter House on October 10, from 8:00AM – 12:00PM. Walk-ins are welcome or call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

Children’s Eye Health

Everywhere a child’s eyes look they’re seeing something for the first time. It’s up to you to make sure they are seeing everything as clear as possible. When is the first eye exam? The first exam may be scheduled as early as 6 months of age, to ensure that babies’ eyes are developing normally and working together. Other exams should occur when the child is 2 to 3 years old, as well as a pre-kindergarten exam and then annually.

What to watch out for:

- *Rubbing of the eyes
- *Frequent headaches
- *Squinting
- *Excessive blinking
- * Holding objects unusually close or far away
- * Eyes that are not aligned or are not working together

Early treatment can stop bigger problems down the road and detect vision issues that could impair eyesight for life. Like any trip to the doctor, kids may be scared to see an eye doctor, but many optometrists are skilled at working with children, and can actually make eye exams fun for kids.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

MetaMateria Technologies in Columbus, Ohio and Dr. Larry Brown, OSU Agricultural Professor, are collaboratively working on a trial for phosphorus (P) absorption. MetaMateria has created “PO4 Sponge”, a material that captures over 10 times more P than competitive products. The product has significant potential to address the high levels of residual phosphorus that already exists in some of our area fields. Dr. Brown has end of tile structures in various Ohio locations which have traditionally used iron slag to absorb P. Our hope is that replacing the slag with PO4 will dramatically increase the amount of P captured, significantly reducing the amount entering Ohio lakes!

A current frequently discussed Ag topic is that of soil health. Science has proven that some farming approaches deplete soil health. Experts recommend minimum/no till and cover crops. Maintaining growing or even dormant roots in the ground year round has proven to dramatically improve soil health.

The next Ag Solutions meeting will be held at a future date to be announced.

The Ag Ed boosters did not conduct an August meeting. Next meeting will be Monday September 22, 8pm in the ML Ag Ed classroom. All are invited.

OLD BUSINESS:

The next publication of the MCDO Quarterly Newsletter will be distributed by early October. Keep a lookout for your issue!

NEW BUSINESS:

Many of you have probably seen the progress in the newest phase of the Marion Industrial Park. The Prenger’s Inc. building is progressing nicely and gives all those involved in the Phase III Expansion Project a sense of accomplishment. There should be additional construction for some of the others coming soon!

Osgood State Bank celebrated their 100th Anniversary with a dinner and many of the employees were dressed as though they were in the 1915 era. There are more events to celebrate their milestone anniversary through 2015. Namely, Flyer Gate will be held on October 16, 2015 prior to the Marion Local vs. Fort Recovery Varsity Football Game.

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS

Chickasaw – No new report.

Chickasaw Park Board Report – For information on renting the park shelters, call Kelli Thobe at 419- 925-5810.

Osgood – No new report.

Osgood Park Board Report – For information on renting the park shelters, call Alan Wendel at 419-582-4502.

Marion Township – All paving projects for this season have been completed.

Marion Township Park Board – For information or concerns about the park, call Keith Pohlmann at 419-925-6805.

Marion Local Schools – No new report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m., with a motion from Bob Dippold and seconded by Bob Unrast. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is Tuesday, *October 13, 2015*, at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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